



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 10/14/2021

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 10/31/2020

Time: 3:54AM

Location of Offense/Incident: 1400 block of Briarwood Ave.

Zone: 4

Precinct: 2

Incident Report #: 200820984

Cruiser District: 22

Victim: Eric Young (Deceased)	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 57
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Suspect: Raphael Smith	Address: Marion Correctional Institution			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 49
Charges: Murder				
Suspect:	Address:			
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**Incident Summary:**  
**\*\*\*UPDATE – Detectives have charged 49-year-old Raphael Smith with Murder for causing Young’s death. Smith is currently incarcerated.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*UPDATE – The decedent’s next of kin have been notified. The decedent’s name was Eric Young.\*\*\***

On Saturday, October 31, 2020, at 3:54AM, Columbus Police Officers were called to the 1400 block of Briarwood Ave. on a report of a male who was in a vehicle and possibly deceased. On arrival, officers found a male seated in a parked pickup truck who was suffering injuries from an assault. CFD Medic 16 responded to the scene and pronounced the male deceased at 4:07AM.

What prompted the assault and who might have been involved are still under investigation. The name of the decedent is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). This is the 139th Homicide investigation and the 138th Homicide in Columbus Ohio in Calendar Year 2020. Incident #200820984. Detective Egelhoff is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Lemmon.

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